

House Resolution 243

By: Representatives Metze of the 55th and Stovall of the 74th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Samuel Thomas Tanks, Sr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
3 with the passing of Samuel Thomas Tanks, Sr., on January 27, 2019; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Samuel was born on September 16, 1943, in Walton County, Georgia, a beloved
5 son of the late Morris and Rosie Nell Russell Tanks; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and
- 8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Samuel was an active member of Big Bethel
9 AME Church, where his faithfulness earned him the nomination of Steward; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he sang bass with the Johnson-Schofield Male Chorus and the Babcock Young
11 Voices of Unity; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, the late Gladys Mae Cody, and
13 was blessed with two remarkable sons, Samuel, Jr., and Michael Jerome; and six wonderful
14 granddaughters, Chelsea, Jada, Zoë; Zaria, Jordan, and Jazmin; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
17 family and friends were admired by others; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
19 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
20 made this world a better place in which to live; and

21 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Samuel will long be remembered for his
22 love of family, friendship, and community and will be missed by all who had the great
23 fortune of knowing him.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
25 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Samuel Thomas Tanks,
26 Sr., and express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 family of Samuel Thomas Tanks, Sr.